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- EP 0181 896 B2 as discussed on Page 2 of the specification.
- U.S. Patent 6,393,192 B1 as discussed on Page 3 of the specification.
- U.S. Patent 6,375,342 B1 as discussed on Page 3 of the specification.
- DE 299 00 790 U1 as discussed on Page 3 of the specification. No translation is available at this time.
- DE 102 19 171 A1 as discussed on Page 4 of the specification. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.
- DE 201 02 857 U1 as discussed on Page 5 of the specification. No translation is available at this time.

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application. A copy of the International Search Report is attached.

- DE 203 17 375 U1 discloses a sanitary installation with colored light emitting units for indicating the water temperature. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claims 1 - 4 and further cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 5 - 7. No translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0258567 A1.

- WO 2004/092626 A1 discloses a light emitting apparatus in tap water responding to water temperature. The reference has been cited under Categories P and A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 7.

- EP 0 446 365 A1 discloses a water discharging apparatus. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 7.

- DE 201 02 857 U1 has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 - 7. No translation is available at this time. This reference has been previously cited above.

- U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0032749 A1.

- GB 2 288 974 discloses sanitary installations with illuminated water. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1, 2, 4 and 5.

- GB 2 393 389 discloses a water dispensing device. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 and 3 - 7.

- DE 201 01 460 U1. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1, 3 and 5 - 7. No translation is available at this time.

- EP 0 181 896 has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claims 1 and 5. This reference has been previously cited above.

Consideration of the above references is requested.

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